

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (original) A cab for a construction machine, comprising:  
an outer side portion formed to have a curved surface bulging outward;  
a sliding door fitted to the outer side portion;  
four pillars mounted in front and rear, left and right,; and  
a rear side portion formed at the rear;  
wherein the cab is mounted in a position offset from the center of rotation  
of a turntable rotatably mounted on a traveling gear; and  
wherein two of the four pillars are mounted respectively in a first position  
at the outer side portion where it bulges outward, and in a second position on an  
inner side portion and located opposite to the first position in the left-and-right  
direction.

2. (original) The cab for a construction machine as set forth in claim 1,  
wherein at least one of the four pillars is made of a pipe.

3. (original) The cab for a construction machine as set forth in claim 2,  
wherein the pipe consists of a pipe having a special cross section.

4. (currently amended) The cab for a construction machine as set forth in  
claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the four pillars constitute a protection  
system for protecting an operator if the construction machine rolls over.

5. (original) The cab for a construction machine as set forth in claim 1, wherein a U-shaped frame is firmly mounted between upper-end portions of left and right rear pillars of the four pillars and directed rearward to form a U-shaped rear roof frame.

6. (original) The cab for a construction machine as set forth in claim 2, wherein

(A) the outer front pillar at the front end of the outer side portion is formed from the pipe,

(B) the upper end portion of the outer front pillar is bent rearward in a two-dimensional manner to form a beam portion, and

(C) the rear-end portion of said beam portion is coupled to the upper end of the pillar mounted in the first position at outer side portion where it bulges outward via a beam member.

7. (original) The cab for a construction machine as set forth in claim 1, wherein a pipe member or rodlike member extending in an up-and-down direction has both end portions mounted near a corner portion where the outer side portion and the rear side portion meet, and wherein a stopper member acting when the sliding door opens is mounted to the pipe member or the rodlike member.

8. (new) The cab for a construction machine as set forth in claim 2, wherein the four pillars constitute a protection system for protecting an operator if the construction machine rolls over.

9. (new) The cab for a construction machine as set forth in claim 3, wherein the four pillars constitute a protection system for protecting an operator if the construction machine rolls over.